

1996 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 315

Commending the Arlington County Civic Federation.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 9, 1996
Agreed to by the Senate, February 15, 1996

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation, the "Civic Voice of Arlington," was formed in April 1916 when six civic associations joined together to "battle for the splitting of Alexandria County into the City of Alexandria and the County of Arlington"; and

WHEREAS, among the federation members, the Barcroft School and Civic League retained its original name, while the five other associations changed from the Jefferson Civic League to Virginia Highlands, Thrifton Village Improvement League to Parkway, Arlington Citizens Association to Columbia Pike Civic Association, Ballston to Lee-Ballston, and Rosslyn to Ft. Myer Heights; and

WHEREAS, the delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation fought for many issues including a municipal water system to better protect the community from fires, an organized street naming system and zoning for land use; and

WHEREAS, the federation became involved in the Commonwealth's first elected school board and in the effort to reduce air and noise pollution on the County's roads and in its airports and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, members of the Arlington County Civic Federation were among the first voices heard in support of a public transit system for the metropolitan area when they spoke before the U.S. Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce in 1946; and

WHEREAS, further public testimony was presented to the Congress by members of the federation on such topics as desegregation, National Airport, the Hatch Act and the building of Interstate 66; and

WHEREAS, Arlington historian Cornelia B. Rose, Jr., said of the Arlington community that it is "increasingly conscious of the desirability of concerned action," and the delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation reflect this commitment to the people they represent; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend the Arlington County Civic Federation for its 80 years of service and advocacy on behalf of its diverse and caring citizenry; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the members of the Arlington County Civic Federation in honor of the 80th anniversary of the federation's founding.

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